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In re Application of	:	
BECHER, Peter et al.	:	
Application No.: 09/744,149	:	DECISION ON
PCT No.: PCT/EP99/04640	:	
Int. Filing Date: 03 July 1999	:	PETITION
Priority Date: 21 July 1998	:	
Attorney Docket No.: 225/49578	:	UNDER 37 CFR 1.181
For: ADHESIVE SYSTEM FOR FORMING	:	
REVERSIBLE ADHESIVE BONDS	:	

This decision is in response to "Petition to Reinstate Application Abandoned Due to PTO Error," filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on 07 February 2002.

BACKGROUND

On 03 July 1999, applicants filed international application PCT/EP99/04640. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) from the International Bureau on 03 February 2000. On 03 November 1999, a demand for international preliminary examination was filed prior to nineteen months from the priority date. As such, the deadline for entry into the national stage in the United States is thirty months from the priority date, or 22 January 2001 (21 January 2001 was a Sunday).

On 22 January 2001, applicants filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 28 February 2001, the Office prepared a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/E0/905) indicating, *inter alia*, that an oath or declaration of the inventors in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required and a Notification of Defective Oath or Declaration (Form PCT/DO/EO/917) indicating that the oath or declaration submitted was not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68. It does not appear that they were mailed.

On 25 July 2001, applicants submitted a Status Request inquiring as to when they would receive a Notification of Missing Requirements.

On 01 February 2002, the Office mailed a Notification of Missing Requirements (Form PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating an oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

On 07 February 2002, applicants submitted the instant petition.

On 29 March 2002, applicants submitted an executed declaration.

On 24 April 2002, the Office mailed Notice of Acceptance (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) indicating that the 35 U.S.C. dates are 29 March 2002.

DISCUSSION

Applicants' Petition Under 37 CFR 1.181 is moot. A Notification of Missing Requirements was not mailed until 01 February 2002. Applicants timely replied to the 01 February 2002 Notification. The application was never abandoned.

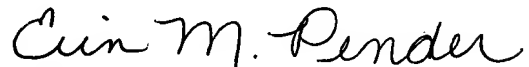
CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is DISMISSED AS MOOT.

This application is being forwarded to the Technology Center for continued processing.



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